



City of Freeport

Workshop

6:00 p.m./Council Chambers/Freeport City Hall

July 18, 2018 Agenda

I. Meeting Called to Order

The July 18, 2018 Freeport City Council Workshop was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Russ Barley. The meeting was held in City Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

Council Members present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon, Councilwoman Kasey Cuchens, Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilwoman Amanda Green, and Councilman William “Boots” McCormick

Staff present: City Clerk Rebecca Podraza, Planning Director Latilda Hughes-Neel, City Attorney Clay Adkinson.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Councilman Farris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

III. Waste Management

Mayor Barley announced that the meeting is concerning the current services with Waste Management and introduced representatives Mr. Ronnie Bell, Mr. Kaleb Morain, and Mr. Bud Day. Mayor Barley then turned the Meeting over to Mr. Ronnie Bell.

Mr. Bell presented on the following historical documents, that have brought the relationship between the City of Freeport and Dayco/Waste Management since 1994 to where it is today:

- Walton County Master Service Assessment Ordinance 94-10
- Walton County Final Assessment Resolution 1994-57
- Small County Surtax Ordinance 94-16
- Walton County/City of Freeport Interlocal Agreement – Solid Waste Disposal Costs 1995
- Walton County Surtax Resolution 1998-48
- Walton County Levy of Small County Surtax Amendment to 1994-16 – 1998-20
- Request for Freeport Franchise Agreement Renewal October 2009
- Walton County Solid Waste Collection Center Assessments 94-66

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- Service Area Map
- Garbage Franchise Agreement Between Dayco & City of Freeport 2009

Mr. Bell explained the reason why part of the service area only receives one pick-up a week. Mr. Bud Day presented the service area map and how it was divided by Dayco and Waste Management when the interlocal agreement was first implemented. Dayco areas only received one pick-up a week.

Mr. Bell advised the Council on the history of when Dayco became Waste Management. The level of service stayed the same after Dayco was absorbed by Waste Management. The following documents were explained.

- Dayco Garbage Franchise Renewal between Dayco & City of Freeport 2009
- Consent and Authorize to transfer Franchise Agreement from Dayco to Waste Management 2011
- Memorandum of Understanding between Freeport and Waste Management that was never implemented

Mr. Bell explained that the Memo of Understanding was presented in November of 2017 to the City of Freeport and has not been renewed. Waste Management would like the opportunity to continue service Freeport.

Mayor Barley asked if Waste Management would be able to provide a cost estimate to add an additional weekly pick-up to the Service Area. Mr. Bell explained that with competitors in the room, they would not want to do that at this time. They are happy to negotiate with the Council and provide the service the City needs.

Council discussion ensued, and the following issues were raised:

- Once a Week Pick-Up
- Recycling
- Canisters (provided vs. not provided)

Councilwoman Cuchens discussed how the Memo of Understanding fell through the cracks on both parts of the City and Waste Management. City Attorney Clay Adkinson reviewed the process the City went through in 2016 when all the Interlocal Agreements were reviewed. Attorney Adkinson interjected that the Waste Management agreement was part of a list of agreements that the City

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reviewed and declared expired and no longer valid. The City is currently on a month-to-month status with Waste Management and that will continue until notified otherwise. The City will remain under those terms until a formal bid process is entered into and a new franchise agreement is negotiated.

Council discussion continued regarding the 3% (three percent) Franchise Fees and 1¢ (one cent) sales tax.

Councilwoman Brannon requested information on who is keeping up with annexation into the City. City Planner Latilda Hughes-Neel explained the process of what takes place after a property is annexed in. Councilwoman Brannon requested an updated map from the Walton County GIS Department of the City Limits and a list of those receiving garbage pick-up inside the City of Freeport.

Ms. Elizabeth Haffner asked how Waste Management knows when someone transfers from outside the City limits to inside?

Attorney Adkinson advised that this information should be provided to Waste Management by the County. Whether they have affirmatively done that is a good question. This is a dialog that we will need to have.

Mr. Chuck Wilder commented on the Franchise Fee and that it does not delineate commercial trash within the City. Waste Management is not paying the City for that exclusive right. The 3% (three percent) should be across the board for residential and commercial. How is this being accounted for?

Mr. Bud Day explained that the Franchise Fee is set according to what the Council wants. Attorney Adkinson explained the language of the Franchise Agreement and why it does not delineate between residential and commercial.

Mr. Nettles asked what this meeting was scheduled to be about. Mr. Adkinson explained that this was an opportunity for Waste Management to provide the information they have brought to the Council as a whole.

Mayor Barley thanked the Waste Management representatives for coming. Councilwoman Cuchens thanked Waste Management for their continued great service.

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IV. Adjournment

Mayor Barley adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

ATTEST

City Clerk

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